

The Bloomfield Record.

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Township Committee.

Regular meeting, Friday, Sept. 10th, present, Messrs. Sherman, Oakes, Hayes, Freeman and Baldwin.

The petition of Randolph Bennett and others for the opening of Orchard street was refused, there being no outlet to said street, and considerable opposition to the opening on the part of property owners.

A petition of T. Langstroth and others, asking that work be done on Hillside ave., was referred to the Road Committee for examination.

The Committee appointed to report upon the complaints of Chas. Morris, Mrs. Baxter and others, respecting the standing water in the vicinity of Washington avenue, reported that the Township authorities had no right to order the construction of sewers across private property. On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Poor announced that the contracts had been signed and the new almshouse building commenced.

Complaint having been made of the unsafe condition of a flag pole on Bloomfield avenue, near Orange street, and another on Broad street, opposite Mr. Peeler's, called the "Greely pole," the owners of these obnoxious flagstaffs were requested to have them taken down, and removed.

The Poor Committee was instructed to secure from Justice Hall a statement of the amount of funds due the Poor Account from fines collected by him. It was alleged that these fines, from the number of cases that have been before the Justice's Court, amount to a considerable sum.

The Committee appointed some weeks ago to secure information in reference to a Village Charter, reported progress. This matter is to be brought before the people of the township at an early day.

The New Compound Engine.

A condensing steam engine of novel construction has recently been built and is now in successful operation at the machine works of A. N. Baldwin & Son.

This Bloomfield invention is the product of our well-known townsmen, Mr. James McCracken, who has spent on it months of persevering study, and now achieves a decided success, in fact, is likely to create quite a revolution in use of steam.

The advantage of this new motor as compared with other compound engines consists in totally overcoming reaction in the large cylinder, the specific result of which is a decided saving of steam and fuel. It is claimed for this invention that the superiority gained over the best condensing engines, in using steam, is 30 per cent, while that over the ordinary high pressure engine is 66 per cent. It is only necessary to charge the cylinder with steam once during a complete revolution of the fly-wheel, while in ordinary engines steam is introduced and exhausted twice with each revolution. It will appear that Mr. McCracken's invention must be particularly advantageous in ocean steamship navigation. Not only will there be a great saving in the cost of generating steam, but a very material gain of freight capacity will be effected, from the reduction in the amount of fuel carried.

This first engine, constructed on the new principle of fifteen horse power, will be used to drive the machinery in Messrs. Baldwin's shop next week. Its present successful operation clearly demonstrates its economy in steam. Experts regard it as a valuable invention.

Birthday Beverage.

A number of laborers and loungers about the new brick building in process of erection on Glenwood avenue got involved in a drunken brawl last Monday afternoon. The sidewalk was made impossible for respectable pedestrians by these persons and others who collected as spectators. While there was little fighting, the foul abuse and riotous conduct that was allowed to continue for nearly an hour was thoroughly disgraceful. A negro named Van Riper, the only one among half-a-dozen whites, was the chief source of trouble, unless, more probable, the liquor which had been drunk in a neighboring saloon was at the bottom of it. Matters at length came to a crisis when Arthur Spragg, keeper of the saloon referred to, made angry by the boasts of Van Riper, proceeded to inflict punishment by beating him in a brutal manner. When Van Riper had become thoroughly beaten and disabled, Constable Haff arrested him, having previously endeavored to quell the disturbance by persuasion, without attempting to make arrests. Van Riper was fined under the "drunk and disorderly" act, while the others, equally guilty, were suffered to go unpunished. They remained on the ground, but did not engage in any further demonstrations of a particularly unlawful character, beyond using bad language and obstructing the

sidewalk. Subsequently, upon the complaint of Van Riper, his assailant was taken in custody for assault and bound over for his appearance at court.

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The Baker Family.

The Thirteenth annual gathering of the Baker family took place at Saratoga, recently, at the house of Mrs. Polly Baker. Mr. Abel Baker of Bloomfield was present. A chance caller, who assumed the name of Baker *pro tem.*, publishes his experience in the Saratoga press, from which we extract as follows:

"Harpers" for October, also Frank Leslie's and Harper's Weekly at Dancer's News-Depot.

We invite attention to the new advertisement of Wm. N. Randall, dealer in Furniture, Carpets, etc., at 739 Broad street, Newark.

Mr. James Pridham, who lately met with a serious fall while painting Mr. Lord's house, is recovering from his injuries.

Linden avenue is in urgent need of repair, having been badly damaged by the freshet last month. A resident asks that the Road Committee give it their attention.

The potato bugs, it appears, are now on the tramp. Large numbers of these little red-headed, striped vagabonds are to be found meandering on our sidewalks and streets.

A little boy aged 4 years, son of Mr. Tichenor of Watseking, fell down an embankment last Tuesday and fractured his thigh. Dr. White was called to attend the little sufferer.

Justice, proverbially, is blind; and from the manner of dispensation in counting towns, one is reasonably led to believe that oftentimes she is deaf and dumb as well as blind.

Peloton, Pelton & Co. will exhibit a number of their superb parlor organs at the Newark Industrial Institute, which has just opened. Where are the other Bloomfield exhibitors?

Cominellus J. W. Baldwin and Doctor E. L. Morris have gone on an extended tour westward. They will "take in" Niagara and return by way of the Old Road, in different sections of the town, soon to be completed and occupied.

The train due at Montclair at 6:38 Wednesday evening ran over and killed James Barry's horse in Fisher's Cut. This is the third animal Barry has lost in this way.

Rev. Dr. Kendall of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, occupied Rev. Dr. Berry's pulpit on Sunday last, while that of Rev. Mr. Bradford was filled by Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., of Newark.

Extensive repairs have recently been made along the line of Bloomfield ave., under the able supervision of Edward Crane, Esq., and the road is now, aside from dust, in excellent condition.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, President of Rutgers' College, will officiate at the Congregational Church on Sunday next, and Prof. Campbell of the Theological Seminary will occupy Dr. Berry's pulpit.

Eagle Rock was visited on Sunday last by several hundred people. Only one of Mr. Compton's five cottages is occupied as yet. It is currently reported that a new hotel will soon be built in this vicinity.

At the request of the bondholders of the Montclair Railway the sale of the road has been postponed for two weeks to afford a chance for a large representation in the re-organization. A million and a half of dollars were represented at the last meeting. The adjourned sale takes place on the 25th inst.

We have received the following stanza from G. W. C., (the original obituary poet) composed upon the departure of two of our citizens:

Dearest Jimmy then last left us
And thy loss we deeply feel.
But of that has bereft us:
2nd all our sorrows heal.
—Gone to see the falls.

Mary O'Grady, who has been employed as a waitress at the Park House, made a complaint before Justice Hall last Sunday against her employer, Mr. L. W. Howell, for unlawfully ejecting her from the house. A warrant for assault and battery was issued upon Mary's affidavit and served by Constable Perry. A hearing took place subsequently at the Justice's office, when the affair was adjusted in a manner satisfactory to both parties.

A case has been issued for a temperance convention, to be held at Trenton, on Wednesday, the 22d inst., for the purpose of devising some new and more effective method of fighting the rum traffics.

The Philadelphia Centennial Exposition is to have a department entirely devoted to the works of women, and a special committee, composed entirely of women, has been formed for the purpose of carrying out this object.

Tuesday morning, while a party of firemen were experimenting with a patent aerial ladder in Rutgers square, New York, the ladder broke, and the men were hurled to the ground. Three men were killed, and several others badly hurt. The ladder was 120 feet high.

An alligator, 10 feet long, presented by the Philadelphia Zoological Society of the National Grange, has escaped from the Zoological Gardens in that city and is now in the Schuylkill River. The boys who go in swimming must look out for this.

Miss Ada Cavendish, the celebrated London actress, is to make a professional visit to this country before many months. "Grace Greenway," in a letter to the *Times*, says of the lady: "She is young, fair and very handsome—not with the regular beauty of Mrs. Scott Wilson, but the soft loveliness of Mrs. Bush, but with a strong, yet fine, intellectual countenance of great fact."

The fast mail train between New York and Staten Island via the Pennsylvania Railroad, called "The Limited Mail," started on Monday last. The train left New York at 1:45 A. M., Philadelphia at 7:10; Harrisburg at 12:25; Altoona at 2:05 P. M., and Pittsburgh at 6 P. M.—thirteen hours and a quarter, of which forty-seven minutes were consumed in stops. The train was to reach New York in thirteen hours and a quarter, nine minutes, twenty-five hours and thirty-six minutes from New York.

Judge Gilbert, of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn, rendered a decision in a civil action, in which Mr. F. J. Godfrey, a colored man, sought to compel a principal of a public school to admit his son there, instead of sending him to the school provided for colored children. The court held that common schools are public charity, that benefits conferred by them are a free gift from the State, and like every other donor, the State may prescribe in what manner and upon what terms and conditions the gift may be conferred.

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Mr. Edwin Allen, a lay preacher of Newark, delivered an exhortation which was listened to with great interest by a full congregation. In the evening, there was a Service of Praise, but no preaching.

The first East Mail train from New York to Chicago left the Grand Central depot yesterday morning at 4:15, expecting to reach its western terminus at about 7 A. M. to-day, making the trip in about 26 hours.

Church Services.

Rev. Dr. Cope supplied the pulpit of the Old Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

Rev. E. W. Burr, pastor of the M. E. Church, occupied his own desk. In the morning he preached a sermon from the text "Lead us not into Temptation." In the evening Mr. Burr addressed especially the young people of his congregation.

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BLOOMFIELD BREVITIES.

The oyster season is opening.

It is getting rather late for picnics.

The leaves will soon be leaving us.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy reached home on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. C. H. Bailey left town on Monday for a visit to his former home in Rome, N. Y.

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MONTCLAIR.

Mrs. Sarah J. Churchill has been appointed teacher of vocal music in our public schools.

Mr. Dickinson's house has been sold to the parties who have occupied it during the summer.

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